

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That no *nolle prosequi* shall be granted by the governor, in case of any prosecution by presentment or indictment, for the recovery of any fine, penalty or forfeiture only. Not to grant nolle prosequi, &c.

Not to be granted but upon condition of the party paying costs; 1832, ch. 155.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be authorized to remit the whole or any part of any fine heretofore imposed, or hereafter to be imposed, by any militia court-martial, provided the case and reasons for remission be stated and signed by the persons granting the same. May remit fines, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted and declared*, That on conviction for treason, the judgment shall be to suffer death by hanging only, and the circumstance of cruelty in the judgment by the law of England shall be omitted, and the judgment as to forfeiture of property shall be as heretofore. Part of judgment omitted, &c.

CHAPTER 60.

AN ACT respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases.

See ante, page 164, 1780, ch. 45, and the notes thereto.

NOVEMBER, 1782.—CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT to confirm certain purchases of confiscated property.

See preceding note.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT concerning Estates Tail.

WHEREAS common recoveries are considered as a mode of conveyance by which tenants in tail are enabled to convey and dispose of their lands and tenements, but the said mode of conveyance is attended with an heavy expense and great inconvenience, by reason of a necessary and chargeable attendance in many cases in the general court; Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person or persons, seized of any estate tail, in possession, reversion or remainder, shall have full power to grant, bargain, sell and convey, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, whereof he, she or they, shall be so seized, by such manner and form of conveyance or assurance as any person seized of an estate in fee simple may, by the laws of this state, grant, bargain, sell and convey, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, whereof such person is seized of an estate in fee simple, and all and every such grants, bargains, sales and conveyances, of any person or persons so seized in tail, shall be good and available, to all intents and purposes, against all and every per- How estates tail may be conveyed, &c.